

CHAPTER NO. 422

SENATE BILL NO. 422

By Cooper, Ramsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1479

By Fitzhugh, Russell Johnson, McCord

AN ACT to authorize the wildlife resources commission to promulgate rules and regulations to adjust fees for licenses and permits in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, and to establish new licenses and permits along with necessary fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-206(a)(5), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of the subdivision.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-206(a)(6), is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of the subdivision and by substituting instead the punctuation and word "; and".

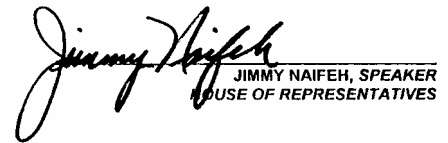
SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-206(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (7):

(7) Promulgate rules and regulations to adjust fees for licenses and permits in this title and to establish new hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and permits as deemed appropriate along with necessary fees. Adjusting or establishing fees shall be in such amounts as may be necessary to administer the provisions of the wildlife laws; provided, that the percentage increase in total revenue from a license package containing one (1) or more license and/or permit, shall not exceed the percent of increase in the average consumer price index (all items - city average) as published by the United States Department of Labor, bureau of labor statistics, on the first day of March 1990 or, in the case of any permit, license or permit/license package fee adjustment after the initial adjustment under this subdivision (7), the difference in the average consumer price index (all items - city average) between the dates of one adjustment and any subsequent adjustment; provided, however, that individual fee adjustment amounts may be rounded up to the next dollar amount. All such fees, and any adjustments thereto, shall be deposited in the wildlife resources fund and shall be expended solely for the administration and operation of the agency's programs and responsibilities authorized pursuant to this chapter. Further, the commission shall report to the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee and to the House Conservation and Environment Committee actions taken on permits, licenses, and fees to be assessed following the promulgation of the proposed rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: February 25, 2004


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of March 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR